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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER' S COMMENTS ON OAS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1. IN A LENGTHY CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN BLANCO APRIL 20 HE MADE FOLLOWING POINTS RE OASGA: A) H BELIEVED ASSEMBLY CONSIDERED AS A WHOLE AS BEING SUCCESSFUL. B) THE FEARED SPLINTERINGS AND CONFRONTATIONS HAD NOT TAKEN PLACE. C) THERE WAS A GOOD TURNOUT OF FONMINS INDICATING ONCE AGAIN THE UTILIT OF PROVIDING A PERIODIC OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH LEVEL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. D) IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS ON MAJOR RESOLUTIONS. E) THE ISSUE OF CUBA AS SUCH HAD NOT DISRUPTED THE CONFERENCE BUT WAS EFFECTIVELY SIDETRACKED. F) MECHANISM FOR MAKING OAS MORE RESONSIVE TO CURRENT REALITIES HAD BEEN CREATED.

2. BLANCO SAID HE WAS MYSTIFIED BY APPARENT INTENTION OF THOSE WHO SHOULD KNOW BETTER TO ISOLATE BRASIL. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN ESPECIALLY SURPRISED BY THE ATTITUDES ADOPTED BY COSTA RICA, COLOMBIA, AND VENEZUELA. HE SAID ARGENTINE ROLE WAS LARGELY A HOLDING ACTION WHICH WAS UNDERSTANDABLE IN VIEW OF THE FORTH- COMING CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT. HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT PANAMANIAN FONMIN HAD MADE LAMENTABLE IMPRESSION ON ALL.

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E. BLANCO WAS VERY COMPLIMENTARY OF US DELEGATION AND ITS PERFORMANCE IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. IN SUMMATION, BLANCO WAS ENCOURAGED AND PLEASED BY RESULTS OASGA.

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